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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S SPEECH ON OCCASION OF NINTH ANNIV-  
ERSARY OF MOVEMENT POPULAIRE DE LA REVOLUTION

1. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A YEAR PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS  
DELIVERED A SPEECH - THIS TIME ON THE OCCASION OF THE NINTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE MPR. MOST OBSERVERS AND POPULAR RUMOR HAD IT  
THAT MOBUTU WOULD NOT DARE TO HOLD SUCH A PUBLIC MEETING AND THAT  
IF HE DID, HE WOULD RUN SERIOUS RISKS OF A CONFRONTATION WITH  
HIS AUDIENCE. MOBUTU HANDLED HIMSELF WELL AND THERE WAS NO CON-  
FRONTATION. THERE HAD BEEN ADDITIONAL RUMORS AND PREDICTIONS  
THAT MOBUTU'S SPEECH WOULD CONTAIN RADICAL NEW DIRECTIONS IN  
POLICIES OR IN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. NONE OF THIS OCCURRED,  
INSTEAD, MOBUTU'S SPEECH CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON RESPONDING TO  
THE CRITICISM WHICH HAS BEEN MOUNTING OVER THE PAST YEAR STEM-  
MING FROM THE EFFECTS OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE STRUCK  
HARDEST AT THE LOWEST INCOME GROUPS. MOBUTU FIRST TRIED TO  
EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR THE ECONOMIC CRISIS, WHICH HE LAID  
MAINLY ON WORLD FACTORS BEYOND HIS CONTROL, BUT HE ALSO ADMITTED  
AND EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE ARE NOT PULLING TOGETHER  
AND THAT THE LEADERSHIP IS MORE CONCERNED WITH PRIVATE PROFITS

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THAN WITH THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

2. MOBUTU'S REMEDIES TO THESE ILLS WERE NOT NEW, BUT IF CARRIED OUT COULD INDEED GO A LONG WAY TOWARD SOLVING THE PROBLEMS:

(1) TO SEE TO IT IN THE FUTURE THAT NEITHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS NOR THEIR WIVES ENGAGE IN PRIVATE COMMERCE, (2) TO EMPHASIZE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND IN THIS CONNECTION TO INITIATE MEASURES THAT WOULD MOVE THE URBAN UNEMPLOYED BACK TO THE FARMS AND (3) MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, TO REVIVIFY THE INTERESTS OF THE MASSES IN PARTICIPATING IN THE WORK OF THE NATION. NONE OF THESE SOLUTIONS IS SIMPLE AND EACH OF THEM HAS BEEN CALLED FOR BEFORE. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, EVERYONE WILL BE WATCHING TO SEE WHAT MOBUTU DOES, AS OPPOSED TO WHAT HE SAYS.

3. MOBUTU ALSO ADDRESSED THE ISSUES OF ANGOLA, SUBVERSION, LITHO, AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. HE STATED (A) THAT ZAIRE WOULD GIVE NO ASSISTANCE TO FNLA OR OTHER FORCES FIGHTING AGAINST NETO'S GOVERNMENT, (B) THAT THERE HAD BEEN FAR TOO MANY SUBVERSIVE RUMORS IN THE CAPITAL, ENCOURAGED BY CERTAIN FOREIGN POWERS WISHING ZAIRE ILL, (C) THAT ALL RUMORS ABOUT COUSIN LITHO'S STEALING FUNDS WERE UNTRUE AND (D) THAT ZAIRE HAD RECEIVED GREAT ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND JAPAN IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR ECONOMIC STABILITY.

4. FOREGOING IS PRELIMINARY SUMMARY BASED UPON RUNNING TRANSLATION FROM LINGALA. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ELEMENTS OF SPEECH AND OUR COMMENTS WHEN FULL TEXT BECOMES AVAILABLE.  
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